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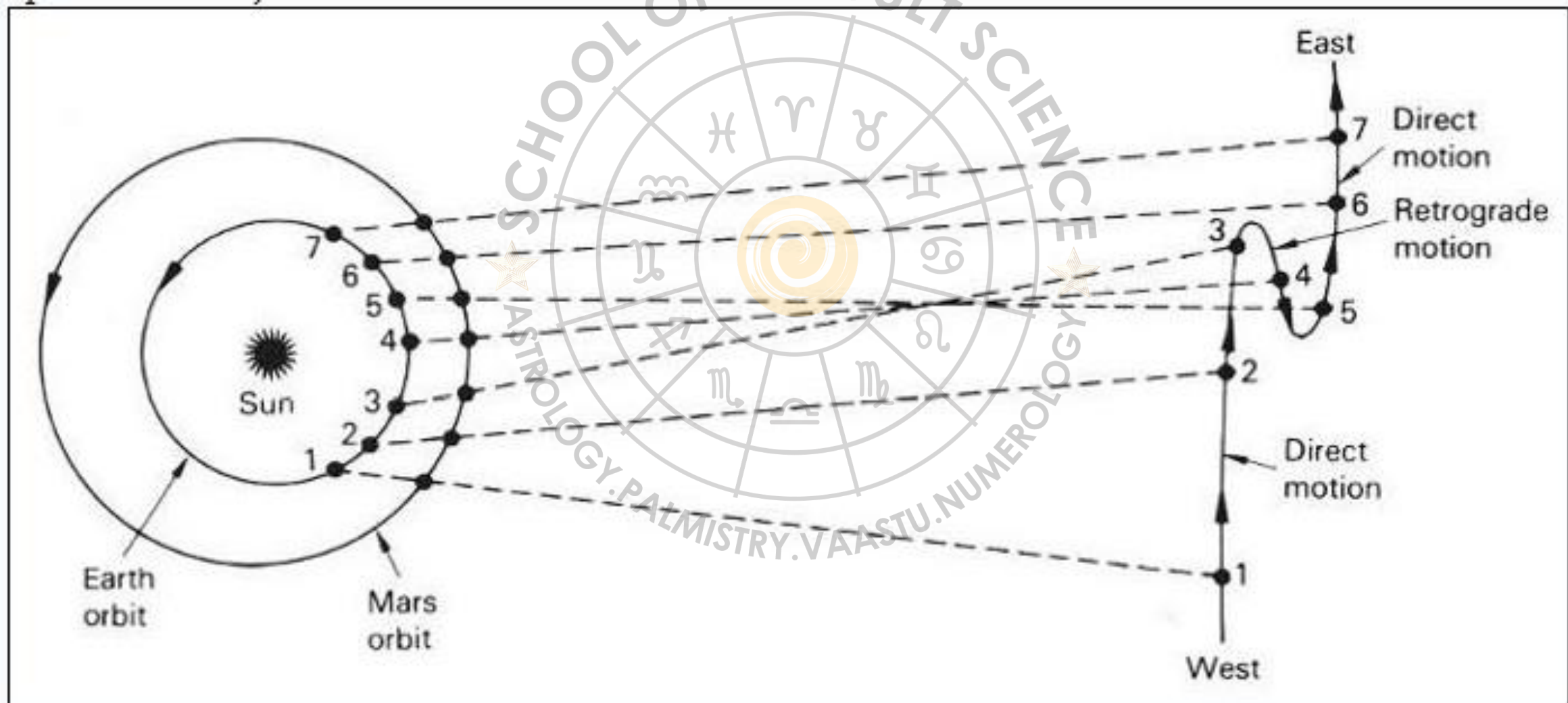
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Retrogression

- **Retrograde motion:** The most commonly discussed "retrograde" motion is the apparent backward motion of a planet caused by its being lapped by another planet, or vice-versa. Both planets move in a direct (eastward) motion around the Sun, but the planet with the inside (smaller) orbit moves faster than the planet on the outside (larger) orbit, and when it passes the slower-moving planet, each sees the other one as apparently moving backwards relative to its usual motion around the sky. *In this "retrograde" motion, neither planet is actually moving backwards; it only appears that way during the time that one laps the other.*

Retrograde motion of Mars



Retrograde motion of Mars

- Retrograde motion of Mars. Under normal circumstances the planet appears to move to the East (upwards in the diagram), but when it is being overtaken by the Earth our faster motion makes Mars appear to be going backwards (downwards in the diagram). The normal motion is called ***direct motion***, and the backwards motion is called *retrograde motion*.

Retrograde motion of Mars in 2003



The retrograde motions of Mars and Uranus in 2003 (Tunc Tezel, [apodo31216](#))

Retrograde motion of Mars in 2005



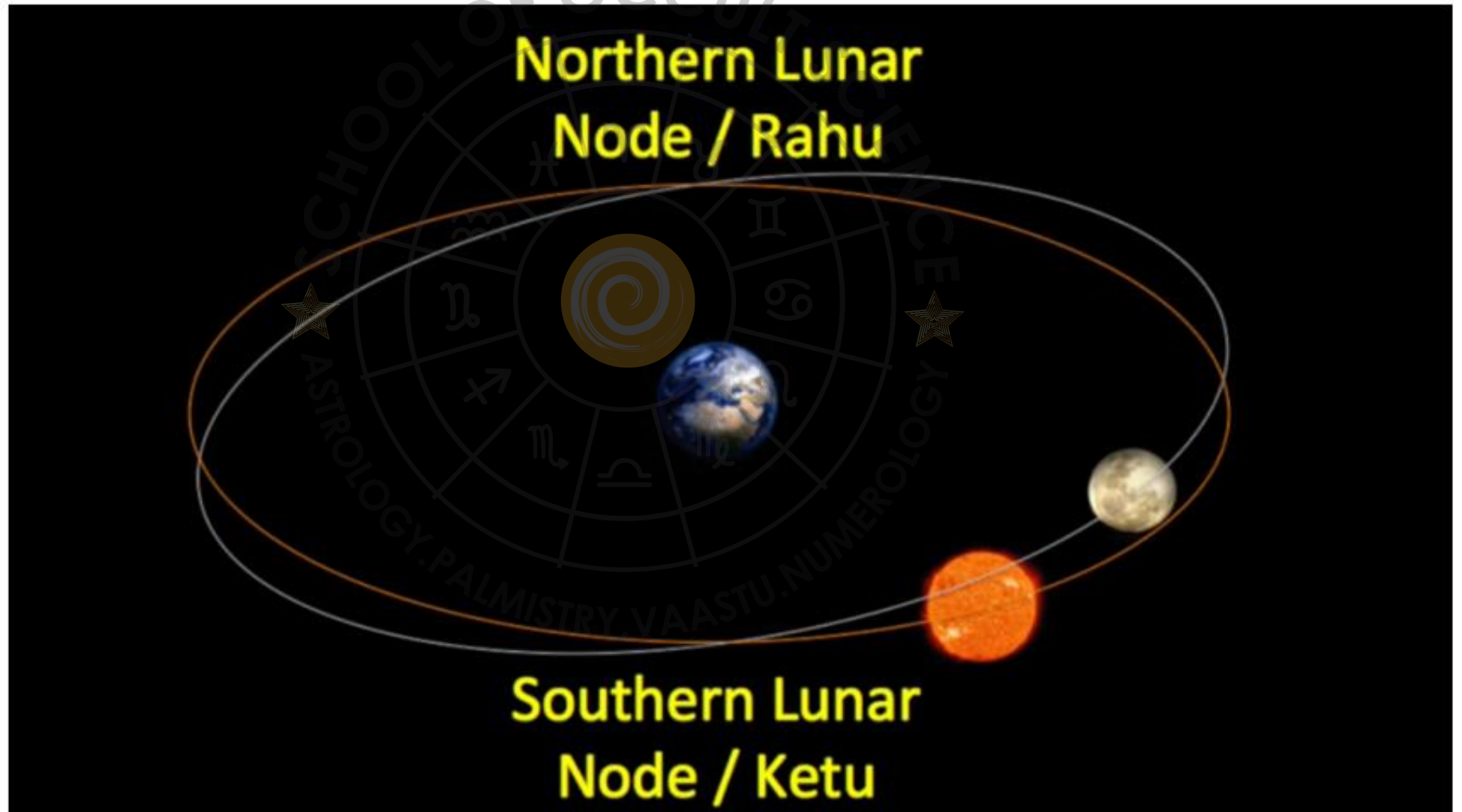
The retrograde motion of Mars in 2005 (Tunc Tezel, [apodo6o422](#))

Rahu and Ketu

- Astronomically, Rahu and Ketu denote the points of intersection of the paths of the Sun and the Moon as they move on the celestial sphere. Therefore, Rahu and Ketu are respectively called the north and the south lunar nodes. The fact that eclipses occur when the Sun and the Moon are at one of these points gives rise to the understanding of swallowing of the Sun and the Moon by the snake. Rahu is responsible for causing the Eclipse of the Sun.
- Well sitting on this earth we see that the sun travel from east to west in a circular path during a day. This movement is because of the rotation of earth. As earth revolves around the sun, we notice the position of the sun is changing with respect to the stars. And so if you were to assume the earth to be stationary then you can picture the sun to be rotating around the earth. This plane of rotation is called the ecliptic.
- the moon revolves around the earth and that this plane of revolution of the moon is tilted at about 5.14 degrees with respect to the ecliptic plane of the apparent movement of the sun. These two planes, the ecliptic plane and plane of revolution of the moon around the earth, due to their tilt with respect to each other, overlap at two points. These two points are called the lunar nodes.

Intersection of Ecliptic and Lunar orbit

The important thing to note here is that the case when moon clearly overlaps over the Sun will only happen at these two nodes, which is the cause of Solar Eclipse.



Retrograde Planets in Astrology

- Usually, auspicious planets produce positive results while moving in retrograde motion and negative planets provide more malicious results. It is an interesting fact to keep in mind that the Sun and Moon move in their usual motion and never become retrograde. On the other hand, Rahu and Ketu always rest in a retrograde motion. Meanwhile, the rest of the planets keep moving in retrograde and direct motion. Sometimes, a retrograde planet moves back to the previous zodiac sign and during the other times, it remains posited in the same sign. After the retrograde motion comes to an end, it assumes the direct state and moves back to its initial state. The retrograde motion of planets brings forward different results.

Effect of Retrograde Planets in Astrology

- **Jupiter** : When the planet Jupiter moves in a retrograde motion, it may delay the outcomes. Natives under such an influence start giving advice, drift away from religion and pay more heed towards attaining economic resources.
- **Saturn** : Usually, retrograde Saturn produces negative outcomes and the natives also experience delays in getting things done. In order to see the face of success, natives should push their edges to a great extent.
- **Mercury** : Retrograde Mercury impacts the decision making abilities of a person and such a native also becomes more talkative.
- **Venus** : Retrograde Venus brings emotional changes in an individual and its effects are visible on love and marital life.
- **Mars** : The retrograde motion of the planet Mars is considered more inauspicious, because the planet is the significator of energy and when it is in retrograde motion, natives encounter difficulties in investing their energy in the right place. Very often, such people make the wrong use of their energies and face difficulties.